from the place and steps are being taken to find a suitable place to colonise them.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(2) May I know if this is in connection with the foreshore improvement scheme or is it to be detached from that?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That was how it was first considered. Not only the foreshore, but also the places lying to the east of it have to be improved.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What I mean is, is it in relation to the proposed reclamation from one end of the town to the other or not?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I do not think that is in connection with the reclamation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As regards the reclamation we are still under correspondence with the Harbour Engineer to know where they would put it.

Bridge work– Mala—Chalakkudi Road.

317. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the bridge work is commenced in the Mala—Chalakkudi road and if not, why not; what exactly is the cause of the delay;

(2) whether the land required for the construction of the bridge has been acquired and award passed;

(3) how long will it take to hand over the land to the Public Works Department to commence work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) and (2). Vide answer to question No. 292.

(3) About two months.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know what is the extent of land to be acquired for this bridge work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot at present say the exact extent of land.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—At what stage is the land acquisition now?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether you have any objection to use the emergency clause and take possession of the land? The bridge work may commence before the monsoon begins.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I shall consider the question.

Accommodation for Legislative Council Members.

318. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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